



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

October 21, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

When this Lincletter is published, Lincoln School will have completed it's first Flu Clinic! Many thanks to Lynn Vozzella for helping our families navigate this new program in cooperation with the Board of Health. Conferences this week provide Lincoln parents with the valuable opportunity to discuss student progress with teachers. If you take advantage of the Fifth Grade Babysitting services, please take time to let those families know how much you appreciate their help. It is a dedicated effort and a luxury not all schools provide. And lastly, save the date for our annual Fall Clean-up! Even with a small dose of winter temperatures, New England colors are exploding all around Winchester. Enjoy the fall weather!

Our best,

—Linda McDonough and Bridget Stump

CALENDAR

**October 21-23 11:30 Early Release,
Parent/Teacher Conferences**

11:30 -3:00 babysitting

November 7 Fall Clean Up Day 9-noon

November 16-20 Book Fair

November 17&18 Ice Cream Social

5th GRADE BABYSITTING

Need Babysitting during Parent/Teacher Conference?

Oct 21-23, the 5th grade class will be offering babysitting while parents are attending their children's conferences in the school Main Street lobby. The schedule is Oct 21-23 from 11:3-3:00. The cost is \$4 per child/\$12 family max. All the proceeds for this fundraising event will go toward funding the many exciting activities planned for the 5th graders. Any questions please contact Anita Colasante at anitacola@yahoo.com or Sheryl Stein and sheryl@steinglobal.net

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

For the past 18 years, Lincoln School has had a warm clothing drive for the East Somerville Community School in Somerville, Mass. I would like to continue this tradition. There are about 700 students

enrolled in grades k-5. Many of the students come from warmer climates and do not have adequate clothing for our Northeast winters. Starting from Oct 27th until Nov 20th there will be a table set up in the corridor on the way to the art room for clothing collection. CLEAN, winter jackets, sweatshirts, sweatpants, long pants, sweaters, gloves, coats, scarves, and winter boots would be greatly appreciated. The target age group is K-5. Infant, adult and "snow pants" are not needed. The spokeswomen stated there is a bigger need this year than in the past.

I want to thank Donna Toelke and the 5th graders in advance for volunteering to help sort and bag the items. Thank you for your generosity and participation.

Lynn Vozzella R.N., school nurse

5TH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT

The 5th grade GURO committee would like to thank the 5th graders who attended the fall planting event at the Mount Vernon House. We received many compliments about the maturity and kindness shown by our children and we wanted to make sure that their efforts were acknowledged. Drive by and take a look at the beautiful fall flowers that the 5th graders helped to plant. Look for upcoming news about our kick-off meeting scheduled for November 6th. There are many more service opportunities available.

LINCOLN FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday November 7th from 9am to Noon
Volunteers needed to clean up the school grounds before the winter weather is upon us. Parents and kids come all morning or for whatever time you can spare. Bring your yard tools – rakes, hedge clippers, wheelbarrows, shovels. We also have a special need for a pick up truck to make trips to the transfer station. We'll provide the coffee and snacks. Please email Andrew Shepard andrew.shepard@hovo.com and Joe Bartlett bartlettwsjk@gmail.com if you will be able to join the work crew.

UNICEF

Students from the Lincoln Elementary School will have the opportunity to carry UNICEF boxes on Halloween again this year. Last year was a very successful year, with the children and families of this school raising \$1,956.82 and children town-wide raising \$10,164.35. This was one of the largest amount collected for UNICEF by a community in New England.

Look for the traditional orange box to come home with your child the week of Halloween, along with a letter explaining this program. Although the boxes will be sent home with every child, participation in "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" is completely voluntary.

If you want further information about the work that UNICEF does around the world or about the Trick-or-Treat program, you can check their website at www.unicefusa.org or you may contact:

Celine Oort, UNICEF Committee

Tel: 781-756 0446 celineoort@yahoo.com

And don't forget, if you expect trick-or-treaters to be ringing your doorbell this Halloween, you might consider having some coins ready in addition to the usual candy.



CALLING ALL BOX TOPS! 1ST CONTEST COUNTING NEXT WEEK!

The goal of this year's Box Top Program is to raise \$1,500 and we need your help! The money raised from Box Tops supports important programs that benefit your child(ren) including class field trips, special speakers and assemblies, classroom supplies, etc...Box Tops offers easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities like buying groceries and shopping online— **all at no additional cost to you.**

1. Clip - Clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products (product listing attached). Box Tops are worth **10¢ each** when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education. Send the Box Tops to school with your child and deposit them in

the classroom collection box.

2. Shop - Shop your favorite online stores at the Box Tops Marketplace and receive up to **8% of each qualifying purchase** donated to Lincoln School! Start at www.bxotops4education.com and make a purchase through merchants found in the Box Tops Marketplace (participating stores attached).

3. Buy books — Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading RoomSM. Our school will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases. Log on to btfe.com/readingroom, and click the "Shop Now" button to go to Barnes and Noble.com. Then, select your items and follow the standard checkout procedure. That's all there is to it! Bring in your Box Tops! Contest leaders will be announced soon!

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

We are almost half way to our goal so please keep the donations coming. As you may know, the Direct Appeal is the LSPA's **only** fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise at least \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers and activities. We hope to accomplish this year's goal with as much enthusiasm as we have in the past. We ask all families to contribute to the direct appeal as generously as possible. All donations are tax deductible. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school **or** you may contribute on-line with your credit card at www.lincolnspsa.org by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain

the forms from your employer's human resource department.

COMMUNITY NEWS

3rd GRADE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

The Winchester Basketball Association's in-town basketball clinic program runs each Saturday for 13 weeks from December 5th, 2009 through February 27th, 2010. This year, programs will be held on Saturday mornings, with the girls program to be held at Lincoln School and multiple boys sessions to be held at Lynch Elementary School. Sessions are once per week on Saturday for 75-90 minutes.

The purpose of the in-town clinic is for children of all abilities to have fun, learn to love basketball and improve their individual and team skills. The clinic content varies but includes fundamental skills like dribbling, shooting, footwork, defense and passing as well as 3v3 and 5v5 games. No previous basketball experience is required. This year Paul Connolly will be the girls coordinator and Mark Romagna will organize the boys program. We hope to see everyone there! We always need parents to help out, so please introduce yourself to the coordinators. Registration is \$115. There are discounts available when registering more than one player from the same family.

Registration for the 2009-10 Winchester Basketball Association programs is now open at www.winchesterbasketball.org

If there are further questions, please call Mark at 781-771-4968.

A BETTER CHANCE

The Fall ABC Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 24 from 7:30 to 11:30 at the Sons of Italy on Swanton Street in Winchester. The event will include Blue Ribbon BBQ, complimentary beer and wine from 7:30-9:30, DJ and Live Auction. Tickets can be purchased at Bookends and at An Elegant Affair (\$75 each). For further information, please visit the Website: www.winchesterabc.org

MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

On Tuesday, October 27th, from 6:30-8:30 PM at McCall Middle School Auditorium (accessible), the Winchester Multicultural Network and co-sponsors, Winchester Hospital, Parent Advisory Council, and the Disability Access Commission will be presenting photojournalist Dan Habib's award-winning, passionately photographed, documentary film, *Including Samuel*. Mr. Habib chronicles his family's efforts to include Samuel in every facet of their lives at home and in their community. The film

also features four other families' experiences and related interviews. Following the free screening there will be a panel discussion with Dan Habib and local community members regarding inclusion. Children, elementary aged and up, are also welcome. Thanks also to program supporters, Family Action Network, Winchester Savings Bank, and Winchester Public Schools. For more information, contact the Winchester Multicultural Network at <http://www.wmcn.org>, or call 781-729-7100, or email office@wmcn.org.

LANGUAGE BASED LEARNING DISABILITIES GROUP

As two members of the Winchester Special Education Parents Advisory Council, (PAC) we are forming a sub-group of PAC for parents of children, all ages, who have a Language Based Learning Disability (LBD) like dyslexia. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 in the McCall Middle School Library. If you are interested in learning more or being a part of this group, please join us on November 4th. For more information or to add your name to our e-mail list, please contact either Kim Lazarus at kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net or Amy Kraft at akpk1282@verizon.net.

PARENT TO PARENT PRESENTS...

Join us on Thursday, November 5, 2009, for our second group book discussion on Staying Connected to your Teenager: How to Keep Them Talking to You and How to Hear What They're Really Saying by Michael Riera Ph.D. (Parenting expert on CBS' "The Early Show.") at the Winchester Public Library Meeting Room from 7pm – 9pm. Described as the parenting bible for the teenage years, this book of sage advice will help frustrated parents reconnect with their teenager and keep that connection even in today's hectic world. Family psychologist Mike Riera provides strategies on how to become a "consultant" rather than a "manager" in a teen's life, how to deal with a teen's uniquely exasperating sleep rhythms, and how to have real conversations with your teen. Books will be on sale at BookEnds and available at the circulation desk. It is not necessary to have read the book to participate.

MORE PARENT TO PARENT...

Social trends such as too much media, rampant consumerism, overly structured school days and overly wired (yet emotionally disconnected) relationships are undermining the quality of children's lives today. Still, we adults can take important

steps to restore childhood to the best that it can be, even in these challenging times.

Author and Professor of Education Nancy Carlsson- Paige, Ed. D will discuss these issues with parents of elementary school aged children. Dr. Carlsson- Paige has taught at Lesley University for 30 years and is recognized as a national expert on the issue of how violence, especially in the media, affects children's social development. She has co-authored four books and written numerous articles on media violence, conflict resolution, peaceable classrooms and global education. Her most recent book is called "Taking Back Childhood: A Proven Roadmap for Raising Confident, Creative, Compassionate Kids" and will be available for sale courtesy of Book Ends.

Please join us on **Wednesday October 28th at 7:30 PM** at McCall Middle School. Parent to Parent is grateful to the John and Mary Murphy Foundation for its generous contribution to fund this program.

CHILD SAFETY DAY

The Winchester Police Department is proud to sponsor a **Child Safety & Protection Day on Saturday, October 31st from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Winchester Police Department.**

Child safety is one of the primary concerns of parents today. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), as many as one million children are reported missing every year.

Sponsored by New York Life Insurance Company, there will be a FREE Child ID program available to all families who attend. A New York Life Agent will work with you to put together a Child ID CD* that includes a digital photo and fingerprints of your child. This CD gathers important information that is of great help to police in an emergency, in one easy-to-store format. Neither New York Life, nor the police department, will retain the information or use copies of the Child ID CD created for your family.

*To participate, each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

FRIENDS OF ART

The Winchester Friends of Art invite you to the annual Back-to-School Art Show at the Winchester Public Library, now through October 31, 2009. Student art is now exhibited throughout the library and includes an exciting variety of work done by Winchester Public School students.

The Winchester community is also invited to join the Friends of Art on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 5pm to 8pm, to honor the Back-to-School artists at a

reception at the library.

For more information about The Winchester Friends of Art, contact [<http://us.mc1120.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=winchesterfoa@hotmail.com>] or winchesterfoa@hotmail.com.

MASKS FOR ART IN THE SCHOOLS

Beautiful, crazy, colorful, weird and wonderful artists masks created by members of the Winchester Artists' Network to benefit art programs in our schools. Show and sale of masks at the Winchester Farmers' Market Saturday October 31, 2009.

ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR AT THE FARMER'S MARKET

The environmental fair will be an educational event for everyone on energy, the environment, and outdoor recreational activities in and around Winchester. There will be over thirty exhibitors for many different products, programs, and community groups.

Come learn about:

- Ways to save energy in your home.
- Renewable energy alternatives.
- The latest hybrid vehicles.
- Ways that the Town of Winchester is on the leading edge of energy and environmental activism.

There will also be lots of fun activities for the whole family:

- Many children activities and performances.
- Our regular, fabulous farmers market
- Several musical performances

Come enjoy the day, shop for produce from local farms, learn about efficient energy use, let your children play, listen to live music, and dance.

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